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SUBJECT: SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS: SUGAR CONFERENCE SUSPENDED

1. AT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SUGAR
CONFERENCE MORNING OF MAY 27, CHAIRMAN JONES-PARRY
ANNOUNCED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE AT AN
IMPASSE AND STATED HIS INTENTION TO SUSPEND THE WORK OF
THE CONFERENCE. THE CHAIRMAN SAID HE INTENDED TO CONVENE
A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF STOCK LEVELS
AND FINANCING IN LONDON THE LATTER PART OF JULY AND
WOULD DECIDE AT THAT TIME WHETHER AND WHEN TO RECOMMEND

THE CONFERENCE BE RECONVENED. THE CHAIRMAN ALSO PRESENTED HIS "CHAIRMAN'S PACKAGE" PROPOSAL TO THE FULL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION ON PROCEDURE WAS ACCEPTED AND THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE WAS SUSPENDED. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS COMMENTED ON THE "CHAIRMAN'S PACKAGE", INCLUDING THE US. THE MEETING CONCLUDED ON A SOMEWHAT HOPEFUL NOTE, WITHOUT RECRIMINATION.

2. THE FIRST COUNTRY TO COMMENT ON THE CHAIRMAN'S PRESENTATION WAS CUBA (FERNANDEZ) WHICH STATED IT DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION THE CONFERENCE WAS CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT. CUBA SAID THERE ARE THREE ISSUES ON WHICH EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS WERE STILL FAR APART: FINANCING OF STOCKS; THE MINIMUM PRICE; AND THE ALLOCATION OF EXPORT SHARES AMONG EXPORTERS. CUBA MADE CLEAR THAT ITS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IS THE SIZE OF THE QUOTA IT RECEIVES.

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3. AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA, INDIA AND SEVERAL OTHERS MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS ACCEPTING THE CHAIRMAN'S PROCEDURE AND EXPRESSING HOPE FURTHER PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN LONDON. CANADA INTERVENED TO NOTE THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S PACKAGE DID NOT INCLUDE A NUMBER OF KEY ISSUES SUCH AS THE "TRANSPARENCY" OF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT SEVERAL KEY NUMBERS (I.E. STOCK LEVELS) WERE LEFT BLANK. CANADA STATED THAT IT COULD NOT AGREE TO SPECIFIC ELEMENTS, E.G. PRICE, UNTIL IT WAS ABLE TO VIEW THE ENTIRE PACKAGE AS A WHOLE.

4. AFTER A BRIEF RECESS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, A PLENARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE WAS CONVENED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO RATIFY THE PROCEDURE AND HEAR FURTHER STATEMENTS. JAPAN READ A STATEMENT IN WHICH IT REITERATED ITS OPPOSITION TO IMPORTING COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO STOCK FINANCING. THE U.S. (KATZ) MADE A SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT WHICH IS BEING SENT TO POSTS IN SEPTEL. THE COMINICAN REPUBLIC, BRAZIL, PHILIPPINES, MAURITIUS, USSR, ECUADOR, PERU, HONDURAS AND CANADA ALL MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS IN WHICH THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AN AGREEMENT CAN ULTIMATELY BE REACHED. THE CONFERENCE CONCLUDED ON A HOPEFUL NOTE, WITHOUT SERIOUS RECRIMINATION. SORENSON

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